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In re application of:

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time for response, from January 20, 2004 to February 20, 2004 accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.